

## **TCT Meeting Notes**

Oregon Operations Office, Portland

March 11, 2015

### **Participants:**

Kristine Koch, EPA  
Sean Sheldrake, EPA  
Elizabeth Allen, EPA  
Rich Muza, EPA  
Rene Fuentes, EPA  
Debbie Robinson, EPA  
Anne Christopher, EPA  
Alanna Conley, EPA  
Deb Yamamoto, EPA  
Silvina Fonseca, EPA  
Cami Grandinetti, EPA  
Burt Shephard, EPA  
David Charters, EPA

Amy Legare, EPA  
Kristin Callahan, Ridolfi  
Kevin Parrett, DEQ  
Dan Hafley, DEQ  
Rita Cabral, Five Tribes  
Matt McClincy, DEQ  
Tom Gainer, DEQ  
Gail Fricano, Five Tribes  
Erin Madden, Nez Perce  
Genevieve Angle, NMFS  
Scott Coffey, CDM Smith  
Jeanette Mullin, CDM Smith

The meeting began at 9:40 am.

### **Community Involvement Update**

**Clean Water Summit:** Sean Sheldrake and Alanna Conley participated in the Clean Water Summit.

**Portland Harbor Community Coalition:** A meeting will be held tomorrow with the Portland Harbor Community Coalition where the EPA will provide an update on Portland Harbor. EPA provided general information on Portland Harbor and the Superfund Program for an article in their newsletter.

EPA has been in contact with Karen Bishop, OHA, to discuss opportunities to bring the coalition group together and discuss Portland Harbor.

### **Early Actions Update**

#### **Arkema:**

Sean Sheldrake is working to schedule a meeting to discuss the main issues in the comment letter with regards to the proposed sampling plan. Some of the issues include toxicity testing and logging of cores containing non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL). The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> for approval/disapproval of the work plan. Sean will invite Dave Charters to provide input on the ecological toxicity issue. Note: a meeting is being scheduled at the site on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

There were no other updates for the other Early Actions sites.

## **Remedial Investigation (RI) Report Update**

### **Section 10:**

The Lower Willamette Group (LWG) wants additional context added for the breast milk summary section. EPA has replied “no” because it is not in other sections. LWG has elevated this to senior management.

### **Executive Summary:**

LWG submitted additional comments, but did not ask for an extension for negotiations. EPA found duplicative comments in their submittal, and odd arguments against their own document. LWG also submitted additional comments that they do not agree with some of EPA’s statements. Both EPA and LWG agree that additional information was needed. For example, nature and extent of contaminants.

### **Section 7 Dispute:**

No dispute decision has been released yet, but the decision should be coming soon. EPA will get the Executive Summary completed, so when the Section 10 and Section 7 issues are finalized, the RI Report can be finalized, possibly by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Feasibility Study (FS) Report Update**

### **Section 1:**

Additional comments were recently received from LWG. These additional comments were outside the review cycle process. EPA’s position is that this section is complete and no further modifications will be made.

### **Section 2:**

EPA submitted the revised Section 2 to TCT and LWG on Monday, February 23, 2015. LWG has until March 25<sup>th</sup> to comment, then negotiate until April 9<sup>th</sup>. EPA has not received any requests for discussions on this section from LWG.

### **FS Section 3:**

Work continues on technical aspects. **Correction Note: EPA stated during the meeting that FS Section 3 would be submitted for review by mid-April. FS Section 3 is actually scheduled to be released for review by mid-May.**

## **DEQ Upland Source Control Update**

**Proposed Source Control Decisions:** DEQ looking to receive feedback on two proposed source control decisions: 1) Oregon Beverage Site, and 2) Rhone Poulenc historical drainage ditch. Matt McClincy pointed out that the review period does not have a hard deadline. EPA has requested more time and DEQ is open to receiving comments.

**Upland Source Control Summary Report:** LWG has asked DEQ to provide information on the source control summary report. The meeting has not been scheduled yet. DEQ is open to scheduling a meeting on this with the Partners.

Chuck Harmon, DEQ Manager managing the Premier Edible Oils site, is retiring.

## **Meetings**

- March 12, 2015: LWG meeting RE: dioxin/furan congener mapping and moving forward with final RALs in general

## **Update on EPA Roles and Responsibilities**

EPA provided a document to the TCT detailing EPA staff's roles and responsibilities for Portland Harbor.

TCT Question: If a question presents itself about a specific topic, should it be directed to the EPA lead responsible for that topic? EPA Response: Yes.

## **DEQ Oversight of In-Water Work**

Kevin Parrett, DEQ, presented DEQ's proposal to provide oversight of in-water work at a few high priority sites to the TCT. DEQ approached EPA with this proposal last summer. DEQ will use state authority to provide oversight for pre-remedial design at two priority sites: Willamette Cove and River Mile 11 East (RM11E). EPA clarified that Sean Sheldrake will become the primary point of contact for source control issues for both Willamette Cove (formerly managed by Rich Muza) and 11E.

DEQ wanted TCT input before rolling out formally to the two parties. DEQ plans to enter into a Consent Order with the parties for pre-remedial design activities and get it close to a final design to expedite the cleanup process.

The anticipated steps are as follows: 1) prepare a basis of design document; 2) get 30% design by 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2016, 3) get 60% or 90% design by end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017. DEQ would provide the documents to the TCT members for review. DEQ expects the parties to enter into funding agreements to fund the TCT group for their reviews.

Next Steps: DEQ will roll out to the Community Advisory Group (CAG) next month on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and DEQ will provide a heads up to elected officials and LWG representatives. DEQ will report back to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partners and obtain concerns and how to proceed. DEQ anticipates negotiating Consent Orders in the May/July timeframe and negotiating funding agreements.

Dan Hafley will be the DEQ Project Manager for Willamette Cove. DEQ still determining who will be the Project Manager for RM11E as the individual slotted for this position is retiring. DEQ will only move forward at these high priority sites if there is a high probability of success.

The bi-monthly TCT meetings will be used to provide status updates on DEQ's progress on the in-water work oversight task.

## **FS Section 2 – Discussion of EPA’s Modifications**

EPA sent out FS Section 2 on February 23, 2015 after incorporating comments. EPA received questions from TCT members and provided this opportunity to discuss their concerns and answer questions.

## **FS Section 3 Briefing**

EPA presented a re-cap of the FS Section 3 items that have been discussed with the TCT over the last year in a PowerPoint presentation. This is TCT’s opportunity to affect the building of the alternatives. EPA provided the PowerPoint presentation to the TCT group for review.

12:15 pm – Meeting adjourns.